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NORTH KOREA TIGHTENS ADMINISTRATION AT LOCAL LEVELS

The government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has recently established an administrative guidance department directly under the cabinet, an administrative guidance department in every "to" (province), and an administrative guidance section of every "si" (city) and "kun" (county). The stated purpose of the government was to "improve the efficiency, in wartime, of the people's political organs and to carry out national policies quickly and accurately."

At the same time, the administrative guidance inspection has been made stricter by the people's committees.

For example, the kun people's committee in Yongch'on-gun Pyongan-pukto7 established an administrative guidance section to centralize the administrative guidance responsibilities. The most competent political agents have been assigned to that section as political guidance agents. Five of the nine guidance agents were assigned to the "myon" (township) and "ri" (village) for political guidance work, and the rest were retained on the kun level.

Each local guidance agent is responsible for two or three myon, but his main work will be with the ri people's committee, and he will spend 20 days out of a month in each ri in his territory. He will not be given work in the kun people's committee. Instead, he will concentrate on the guidance and assistance of administrative work of myon and ri people's committees make systematic inspection of administrative work, point out the faults and correct them.

In response to an appeal by Premier Kim Il-song for strengthening administration at local levels, the administrative guidance agents in this locality began intensive investigation of administrative work of the ri in that area. The agents talked with the village people to obtain their sentiments and opinions. They analyzed in detail the actual conditions in the village and examined the administrative plan, method, and organization of ri people's committees.

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